

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
SPECIAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM**

**May 11, 2026
12:00 p.m.**

**Originating at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508**

Trustees Present:

Corri Feige, Chair
Anita Halterman
Josie Hickel
Brent Fisher, Ex-officio

Additional trustees present:

Kevin Fimon
Agnes Moran

Trust Staff Present:

Mary Wilson
Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Michael Baldwin

Trust Land Office staff present:

Jusdi Warner
Jeff Green

Department of Law:

Gene Hickey

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR FEIGE called the Special Resource Management Committee meeting to order and began with a roll call. She then moved to the agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Chair Feige, yes.)

CHAIR FEIGE asked for any ethics disclosures. Hearing none, she continued to the proposed motion.

MOTION: The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to dispose of the economic timber on Trust Parcel CRM-7061 through a competitive sale. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

CHAIR FEIGE asked Jeff Green to go through the background and present the information on the consultation.

MR. GREEN stated that Jeff Hermanns, the timber research manager, is out on leave, and that he would be running the committee through this consultation. He continued that this is an approximately 1400-acre parcel on Prince of Wales Island, just east of Hollis, acquired by the Trust through the land exchange that was done with the Forest Service. He noted that that land exchange was done with the intent that the Trust would harvest this timber. The sale will be approximately 20 million board feet, targeting about 800 acres of old growth that seems economic to harvest, and then another 29 acres of second growth. The harvest will primarily be cable- and shovel-logged. There might be some additional acres that will get added to the sale once it is underway, which most likely will be via helicopter logging, if that were to happen. This will be a five-year contract. He continued that this sale was consulted and decisioned in 2022, and it is being amended based on the previous consultation that was done. The change is that the original consultation was a negotiated fixed-stumpage sale with an anticipated return of up to 2.7 million per an appraisal that took place during the land exchange with the Forest Service. However, there have been some market increases, notably in Western red cedar, with a broader operator interest in a sale. He stated that the TLO is shifting it to a competitive sale to capture species-specific pricing, and to provide a more transparent profit share. The largest reason is that, with this change, it will exceed that \$2.7 million of the original consultation. He added that the project will provide about \$4 million in total revenue for the next five years, from FY27 through FY32, under this sale. There will also be road development through this harvest, and the intent is to design those roads so that they can be used after this sale is completed. He noted that the Wolf Creek Boatworks improvements exist on the property, about 4 acres, that is a historic district on the National Registry of Historic Places. He noted that they will be mindful of that designation, and there will be no harvest that will take place within that district.

CHAIR FEIGE stated that she noted the buffer that goes between the coastline and where the

sale to the south was undertaken, and asked what kind of a buffer would be put around the historic property.

MR. GREEN replied that they will follow any sorts of buffers that are required under the Forest Resources and Practices Act. He added that he was not familiar with anything in that Act that specifically addresses historic places, but they would be following any rules and regulations that are required.

CHAIR FEIGE stated that it would be good to get a note back to the trustees about the buffer for awareness purposes. She asked for any questions from the committee.

E.D. WARNER followed up that the Division of Forestry follows that Act. Anybody who is harvesting timber follows that in the State of Alaska. The Trust is considered private land under that Act. If there are any anadromous streams, there would be a 66-foot buffer. Those have to be fish-bearing streams.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked for some additional information about the obligations they are under, and suggested a training might be helpful for a future meeting under Resources. She added that she is definitely supporting this particular motion.

TRUSTEE HICKEL asked about timelines, and stated her support going out to competitive bid on this.

MR. GREEN stated that the plan, after the committee votes and supports the motion, is to present to the Board of Trustees at the May board meeting. If the Board supports the motion, it will be put out for public notice and a best-interest decision through that process. It would be 45 days to 60 days after the board meeting for an invitation for proposal, and a proposal from interested parties.

CHAIR FEIGE asked for any other questions or comments. There being none, she called for a vote on the motion.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Chair Feige, yes.)

CHAIR FEIGE asked for any other comments. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Chair Feige, yes.)

CHAIR FEIGE thanked everyone for their time and for the presentation of the materials, and adjourned the meeting.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Special Resource Management Committee meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.)